Karnataka	03	12398	2.50
Kerala	02	1478	0.11
Madhya Pradesh	10	9919	12.37
Maharashtra	28	34822	18.61
Orissa	01	715	0.65
Punjab	27	5753	6.66
Rajasthan	00	00	00
Tamil Nadu	08	4620	0.85
Uttar Pradesh	16	21586	28.94
W. Bengal	26	70281	64.37
North Eastern Region	01	315	0.36
TOTAL	138	191516	161.94

NOTES: This excludes defaults in the case of establishments which are not CPSUs and where the amount of default is less than Rupees one lakh.

Demands for increase in Salary STC. from DUJ

83. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of demands received from Delhi Union of Journalists (DUJ) for increase in salary and other perks;

(b) whether those demands have since been examined by the Wage Board for Journalists and a report submitted thereon, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if the report has not been received as yet by when it is likely to be received and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Delhi Union of Journalists have made submissions to the Wage Boards in their memorandum dated 24.8.98 regarding revised scales of wages and allowances besides other demands relating to promotion, medical scheme, retirement age and pension etc. At present in the Wage Boards for Journalists and Non-Journalist newspaper and news-agency employees, the work of oral hearings is going on.

(c) No time frame was fixed for the submission of the report of Wage Boards at the time of constitution. However, the Chairman, Wage Boards has been requested to submit the report by December, 1998.

Early Disbursement of PF dues

84. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees retiring from private companies in Delhi are made to run from one office to another to get their provident fund dues and family pension;

(b) what is the procedure required to be followed in this regard;

(c) whether this plethora of forms, results in harassment of the employees by the P.F. authorities; and

(d) the steps being taken to simplify the procedure including fixation of accountability and action against P.F. officials responsible for the delay in disbursement of P.F. dues?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) There are three schemes namely the EPF scheme, the EDLI scheme and the Employees Pension Scheme framed under the Employees Provident Funds and Misc. Provisions Act, 1952. The beneficiaries claiming benefits under these schemes are required to submit their claims in the prescribed form to the commissioner through the employer of the member. The commissioner is required to settle the claims, which are complete in all respects, within 30 days from the date of receipt of claim in the office. The claim forms are self-contained and easily intelligible. However, in order to help members in filling the forms facilitation centres have been opened in all the offices of the EPFO. A massive computerisation programme has been launched for providing prompt and speedy service to the subscribers. The Public Grievance and vigilance machineries have also been activated to monitor settlement of P.F. claims.

Consolidation of PF accounts

85. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the responsibility of the Provident Fund authorities to ensure that the